

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 3, 12-20, 23, and 32-33 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 21, 22 and 24-31 have been allowed. Claims 1-2, 4-11, 21-22, and 24-31 are currently pending in the application. Applicant submits that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered and made of record.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tonelli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,831,610). In addition, the Examiner rejected claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tonelli in view of Blumenau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,839,747). Claims 32 and 33 have been canceled. Thus, Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 1, 2, 4-11, 21, 22, and 24-31 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this acknowledgement.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are patentable over the art of record, including any art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all of the pending claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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